

an elastic member arranged within the predetermined space and ~~on~~ ^{is} connected to the first plane, the elastic member having a first portion ^{on top thereof in the first direction} ~~on top thereof in the first direction~~, the first portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing an first elastic reaction force in the first direction;

a- an elastic supporter arranged within the predetermined space and ~~on~~ ^{is} connected to the second plane, the elastic supporter having a second portion ^{on top thereof in the first direction} ~~on top thereof in the first direction~~, the second portion being located with an interval left between the first and second portions in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, the second portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing second elastic reaction force in the first direction;

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a film contact comprising an insulator film and electrical contacts corresponding to the terminals of the plate object, the insulator film having first and second surfaces, the electrical contacts being formed on the first surface of the insulator film, the second surface being fixed on the first and second portions ^{so that the electrical contacts are arranged on at least one of the first and second portions} ~~so that the electrical contacts are arranged on at least one of the first and second portions~~ via the insulator film and, when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted between the first and second portions in a third direction oblique to the first and second directions and the plate object is then tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes, are connected to terminals of the plate object with being in press contact with the terminals by a combination of the first elastic reaction force and the second elastic reaction force; and

holding means for holding ^(parts of) the plate object ^(in the first direction) when the plate object is tilted.

13. (new) A connector for accommodating therein an edge portion of a plate object and for providing electrical connections to terminals formed on the edge portion of the plate object, the connector comprising:

a housing made of metal;

a film contact coupled to the housing, said housing comprising:

first and second planes opposite to each other in a first direction, the first and second planes having a predetermined space therebetween;

9 (a third plane connected to the first and the second planes);

a first elastic portion arranged in the predetermined space and connected to the first plane, the first elastic portion having a first portion on top thereof in the first direction, the first portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing first elastic reaction force in the first direction;

AZ a second elastic portion arranged in the predetermined space and connected to the second plane, the second elastic portion having a second portion on top thereof in the first direction, (the second portion being located with an interval left between the first and second portions in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction,) the second portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing second elastic reaction force in the first direction;

7 holding means for holding parts of the plate object in (the first direction) when the plate object is tilted; and

7 the film contact comprising an insulator film and electrical contacts corresponding to the terminals of the plate object, the insulator film having first and second surfaces, the electrical contacts being formed on the first surface of the insulator film, the second surface being fixed on the first and second portions so that the electrical contacts are arranged on at least one of the first and second portions via the insulator film and, when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted between the first and second portions in (a third direction oblique) to the first and second directions and the plate object is then tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes, are connected to terminals of the plate object with being in press contact with the terminals by a combination of the first elastic reaction force and the second elastic reaction force.

14. (new) A connector for accommodating therein an edge portion of a plate object and for providing electrical connections to terminals formed on the edge portion of the plate object, the connector comprising:

a housing made of metal and having first and second planes opposite to each other in a first direction, the first and second planes having a predetermined space therebetween;

a first elastic member arranged in the predetermined space and attached to the first plane, the first elastic member having a first portion on top thereof in the first direction, the first portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing first elastic reaction force in the first direction;

A2 a second elastic member arranged in the predetermined space and attached to the second plane, the second elastic member having a second portion on top thereof in the first direction, the second portion being located with an interval left between the first and second portions in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, the second portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing second elastic reaction force in the first direction;

a film contact coupled to the first and the second elastic members;

holding means for holding parts of the plate object in the first direction when the plate object is tilted, and

the film contact comprising an insulator film and electrical contacts corresponding to the terminals of the plate object, the insulator film having first and second surfaces, the electrical contacts being formed on the first surface of the insulator film, the second surface being fixed on the first and second portions so that the electrical contacts are arranged on at least one of the first and second portions via the insulator film and, when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted between the first and second portions in a third direction oblique to the first and second directions and the plate object is then tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes, are connected to terminals of the plate object with being in press contact with the terminals by a combination of the first elastic reaction force and the second elastic reaction force.